



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!



Volunteer Response for COVID-19

Given the current Shelter in Place order in Michigan, in person volunteer opportunities have been greatly reduced. Most agencies are reducing or removing all volunteer needs and focusing on only essential staff duties.

Exceptions to the executive order include, "To work or volunteer for businesses or operations (including both and religious and secular nonprofit organizations) that provide food, shelter, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of this emergency, and people with disabilities." https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-522626--,00.html (Listed in section 9d)

At this time the best ways to support the community can be remote volunteer opportunities, item donations, and financial contributions. Before collecting items for an agency, make sure to connect with their staff and create a safe drop off plan with little or no physical interaction.

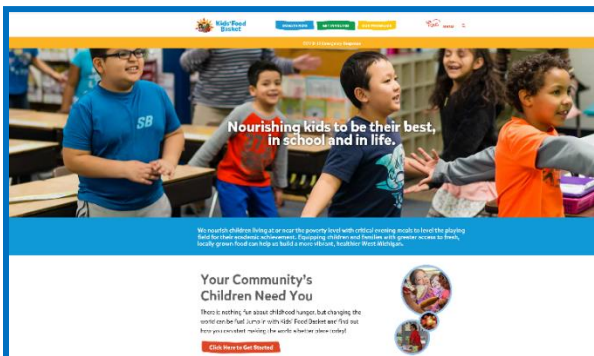
Aside from the options listed below, consider connecting with your neighbors through <https://nextdoor.com/> or local Facebook groups.

If you are seeking assistance- please dial 2-1-1 and see what resources are available.

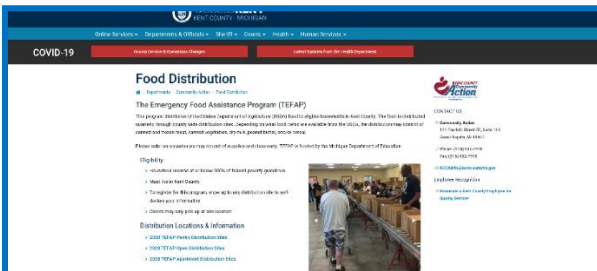
Kent County's Emergency Management team has a need for **volunteers who are medically trained-including mental and behavioral health**. If you meet those qualifications please register in their system at <https://www.kceest.org/volunteer/> or download the Kent County Sheriff's app and select Volunteer Kent.

Lastly, Heart of West Michigan United Way, in partnership with local foundations and funders, has established a **Kent County Coronavirus Response Fund** for people to donate to help meet immediate needs in the community related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund will support the nonprofits who are serving vulnerable populations during this time. United Way will match up to \$50,000 in donations. Consider donating [here](#).

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